

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

This application has been reviewed in light of the Office Action dated October 6, 2004. Claims 18-55 are currently pending in the application. It is gratefully acknowledged that the Examiner has allowed Claims 18-27. As indicated above, Claims 28-55 are newly added and Claims 1-17 have been cancelled without prejudice.

In the Office Action, Claims 1-17 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as anticipated by *Toskala et al.* (U.S. 6,650,905 B1). However, as indicated above, Claims 1-17 have been cancelled. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the rejection of Claims 1-17 is moot.

Additionally, it is respectfully submitted that new Claims 28-55 are patentably distinct from the Examiner's cited art.

In view of the preceding amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that all pending claims, namely Claims 18-55, are in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference or personal interview would facilitate resolution of any remaining matters, the Examiner may contact Applicants' attorney at the number given below.

Respectfully submitted,



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